

Chas^a Estlin, 7th
[1863]

My dear Miss Weston

Your letter of the 17th of
July introducing Mr Stephen J
Cambridge England was presented
one day last week by that gentle
man, and pleased I was, for
his sake & his introducers to
show him the desired atten-
tion. We had the pleasure of his
company at tea at my house
last-faturday evening - together
with that of Dr Furness, Mr B.
D. Hunt (Dr F's friend & friend)
Mr N. B. Brown, one like Buchanan,
an Post Master, were a conscious
Tues and thorough abolitionist, and
one or two others of the same
ilk. The pleasure of the occa-
sion was somewhat marred
by the absence of Mr & Mrs
West who had fully intended to
be with us, but who were here:

vented by the unlooked-for death of Henry Cavender their
eldest grandson, a fine lad of 18 years. It was a
great regret to us, all not to have them - especially
in view of the cause. By the way Mrs. Swift her-
self is by no means well, and we are all the
time uneasy about her. In spirit she is as bright
and charming as ever, but otherwise she is a fine and
failing. - Mr. Stephen seemed to enjoy our little
tea party, and showed a lively interest in the conver-
sation. My daughter played a tune for him and my
son Charley accompanied them on the banjo; a fort-
of instruments that were new to him and which he they
seemed greatly to admire - as well he might for ~~it~~ ^{they are}
a great improvement on the old fiddle idea and my
son is quite an adept. Lucy also sang a piece of her
Port Royal trip, which it happened so ~~soon~~ had never be.

fore hand and which greatly touched
him.

I am very to hear that
your eyes don't get better. It is a
privilege in which your friends
are obliged to sympathize inasmuch
as they are compelled to share it
with you. But don't take the
trouble to write to me, if you
have no fault to find with my
letter concerning Mr. J. I shall be
content to wait till it in every
way suits you an occasion to
write.

On reflection I have nothing
to take back, of what I have written.
The affront put upon myself is a
small matter and in itself not to
be thought of long, but his offence
against the cause is deeply let-
ting his slip an opportunity of serving
it makes me angry whenever I
think of it. It is a baring name
that we have not at this moment
before the world just the telling
attribution and unanswerable vol-
untarily that my proposition, if carried
out would certainly have furnished

The "Abstract of a Preliminary Report &c. &c." is all very well and doubtless will have some good effect, but it does not meet the exigency. Mr. Sumner's book is worth a cart-load of such essays that will touch the hearts of the people. It is heart-freting that will touch the hearts of the people. It is heart-logic, not-head-reasoning that finds the proper solution to a question like that of American Slavery. "When there is a will there will be a way". Let Mr. Lincoln's government draw aside the veil that has hitherto concealed the horrors of the slave system - let the hearts of the people be touched at what ~~is~~ as they would be touched - by a revelation of what their poor hapless ones have suffered - and the mode of redress would suggest and command itself without any learned inquiries from book-searching amanuenses. Ours is a popular government. The people rule. Let them be enlightened by facts - facts which are easily understood & which teach their own lessons - and they will rule rightly. They are ruling rightly now. This flaying question is following it. The light which is being diffused among the masses is doing its proper work. - Excuse this long screed, and believe me to be your very truly
J. M. G. [Signature]